St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop — Diocese of Oakland

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

Daily Masses

Tues./Wed./Thurs./Saturday 8:30 am
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours

Monday—Saturday 8:00 am
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm
(and by appointment)

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—Noon
1:00 pm — 5:00 pm

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Baptism: Preparation classes will resume in September. Please call the parish office for more information.

Confirmation: Classes run from September through May; contact the office for more information.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ November 1st, 2026

Parish Collections through October 25th, 2026			
Sunday	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Difference**
10/25/2026	$6,142.65	$10,000.00	-$3,857.35
Year-to-Date	$416,715.08	$442,000.00	-$25,284.92
We are gradually transitioning to PushPay (see below).			

It's Now Even Easier to Make a Financial Offering to St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

This QR code now leads leads to **PushPay**, our new parish EFT provider — use it to initiate a recurring or **one-time offering.**

Or click below:
tinyurl.com/SMM-Offering

(Questions? Call our Business Manager, Norah Hippolyte, at 510.526.4811 x 111)

Scripture Readings for the Week

1st **All Saints/31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12

2nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Wisdom 3:1-9 / Wisdom 3:1-9 / John 6:37–40

3rd *Weekday [Saint Martin de Porres, Religious]*
Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 14:15-24

4th *Memorial: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 14:25-33

5th *Weekday*
Philippians 3:3-8 / Luke 15:1-10

6th *Weekday*
Philippians 3:17—4:1 / Luke 16:1-8

7th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Philippians 4:10-19 / Luke 16:9-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Susan Peterson RIP
Sunday	9:30	Mary Cao RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Marcia Dawson RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Mary Emily Ongatco
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Matthew Bogner and Family
Thursday	8:30	Esther Higgins RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Mico Monks

Parish Calendar through November 10th, 2026

October 31 Saturday — **Sunday Dinners' All-Volunteer Meeting**
10:30 am - Noon, Norton Hall. *(More info below.)*

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Weekend — **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

November 1 Sunday — **First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**
Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Sign-Ups:*

November 1 Sunday — **CONCERT: Free Bach! BWV 76 & BWV 154**
5:00 pm, Church. *Four Soloists + Chamber Consort*

November 2 Monday — **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**
Masses at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm

November 2 Monday — **St. Vincent de Paul—Monthly Meeting**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall.

November 3 Tuesday — **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

November 3 Tuesday — **Adult Christian Initiation**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall *(Inquirers welcome)*

November 5 Thursday — **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
6:30 pm, Norton Hall

November 6 Friday — **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
9:15 am - 10:15 am, Conference Room.

November 7-8 Weekend — **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

November 9 Monday — **Flannery O'Connor Reading Group** *(see p. 2)*
6:00 pm, Zoom or 7:15 pm, Norton Hall

November 10 Tuesday — **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
7:00 pm, Conference Room. *(Anyone may join.)*



Today, November 1st, is our **1st Sunday Dinner for the Hungry.** Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, come down to Magdalen Hall sometime today from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm!

We prepare to serve at **2:15 pm,** and we start cleaning the kitchen at **2:30 pm** and begin putting away tables and chairs at ~**3:20 - 3:30 pm**.

If you would like to come earlier and assist the cooks, or help with Hygiene Kits, or serve on the Reception Table, please sign up in advance:
tinyurl.com/SundayDinnersSignUps

Sign up here

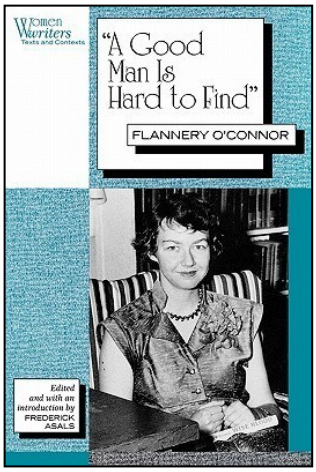
Questions?
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Flannery O'Connor Reading Group

~ with Deacon Jeff



Our Deacon, Jeff Burns, Ph.D., will host a three-week study group on the works of the great Southern Catholic author Flannery O'Connor. We will read and discuss several of O'Connor's renowned short stories, among them: ***"Everything That Rises Must Converge," "The Life You Save May Be Your Own," "Good Country People,"*** and ***"A Good Man is Hard to Find."***



You may choose between two tracks:

- **Zoom** from **6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
- **In Person** (in Norton Hall) from **7:15 pm - 8:15 pm**

Dates — **3** Mondays: **November 9th, 16th, & 23rd.**

Interested? Contact Dn. Jeff: *jburns@marymagdalen.org*.

Join the conversation about the novel *Mr. Prynne*



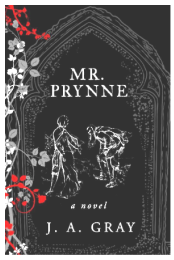


Monday
November 16
5:00 to 6:00 pm Pacific

Join us online on Monday, **November 16, 2026,** to talk with J. A. Gray about his novel *Mr. Prynne*. Moderator Jessica Sheaff will lead the discussion, followed by audience Q&A.

Tune into the conversation with our own John Gray by reserving your spot on Eventbrite *(for a nominal fee)*: tinyurl.com/JAGray-Conversation

MILLIONS OF READERS of American fiction are familiar with Hester Prynne, required to wear forever the badge of a sinner and criminal: a scarlet letter **A**. But who among us has looked deeply into the man who at their wedding, back in their native England, had given Hester her married name of Prynne?



In his debut novel, longtime parishioner John (J.A.) Gray has given a voice to the hunchbacked intellectual-and-scientist who is Hester's aged husband, the man whose dreams of domestic bliss faded into sorrows and liabilities: his wife was a criminal and her lover was surely hiding somewhere in plain sight. What could he do? What were his sacred duties as a husband? *"My investigation into all these questions, and many more, developed into a rich new novel that I have called (in honor of my new friend), Mr. Prynne."*

Visit the website www.jagray.net for more.

a musical feast

VOX ALTA



Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026
7:00 PM
Lake Merritt United Methodist Church
1330 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland

Join Vox Alta as we sing music about food! Food for the soul, food for the body, and people who really, really love their food. Music by William Byrd, Ēriks Ešenvalds, Leonard Bernstein, Elizabeth Alexander, and more.

Free admission: we welcome donations to the Lake Merritt United Methodist Church Food Pantry

It's Not Too Late to Join The Teen Confirmation Class!

We are excited to offer a teen confirmation class here at Saint Mary Magdalen parish this 2026-2027 year. All baptized teens in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades are invited.



We are meeting approximately every other Sunday in the **8th-grade classroom** at the **School of the Madeleine** after the 9:30 Mass —from about **10:45 am until Noon.** (The program will run through confirmation, which will take place in May 2027.)

Our next meeting will take place

Next Sunday, November 8th, at 10:45 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Welch at jwelch510@gmail.com, or call 510.847.5503.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Appropriate Dress

Back in 1980, my close friend (now deceased) Steve Turner and I toured Europe. On a whim, one day in Paris, the two of us decided to dress up. Not suit and tie, mind you, but sport jackets and open-collared dress shirts. Both of us were amazed at how differently we were treated: waiters arrived sooner, people were deferential— we were being treated like VIPs! More than forty years later, that minor change in our appearance still sticks with me. It may be true that "it's what's inside that counts," but we continually and unconsciously assess how others look and dress, and appraise what's inside them by their outside appearance. Clothing and grooming matter!

Regularly, I run across blogs or YouTube videos about the importance of looking poor. The argument usually involves identifying with unfortunates, or blending in so that muggers, crazies or salespeople don't target us. While these bloggers have a point, I think they also miss a deeper one. Our appearance not only cues the people around us how to interact with us; it also puts us in the mood for the tasks before us.

In 2016, St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish made a cruise similar to St. Mary Magdalen's Centennial Cruise to Alaska in 2023. Although the cruise line had assured me that they had vestments and liturgical books on board, we arrived to find them missing. I was able to pull the readings and rituals for Mass off the internet, but had to preside in street clothes. The Masses were valid, and all the passengers were happy to receive the sacraments. Yet something important was missing. My liturgical dress is a central element to our worship, even if it is not essential. The old saying, *"Clothes make the man (or person)"* bears an important truth.



Fr. Nick in Roman collar with Denis Ring, Peter Hess, and JST Dean Orobator.

Concerning clothing, my goal is not to look better that everybody else in the room, but prevent my appearance from detracting from my message. I am aware that even when not consciously preaching, others are assessing if I can be trusted, have something worthwhile to say, or can be taken into their confidence.. When I'm engaged in sacramental or liturgical work, speaking before an ecumenical audience, or meeting with the bishop, you'll see me in a Roman collar—often in my black suit. If I'm at the symphony or invited to a dressy affair, I might wear a grey suit and tie or sport jacket with an open collar. Around the office, it's slacks and a dress shirt. My hats serve a practical function—my bald head will burn without them. I believe that my dress is appropriate to my age and function.

Nowadays Saint Paul takes a lot of heat for his comments about women's dress in 1 Timothy 2:9-10. What is missed in his dated and possibly misogynist language is his point that respectful and appropriate dress by both men and women reflects reverence for God, and gives good examples to people who may be interested in our faith.

The minutes spent grooming and choosing the right clothing can render a major return on a small investment. Shaving and trimming one's beard, brushing the tongue to avoid bad breath, perhaps choosing a skirt and blouse over gym slacks can make us feel happier, and more equipped to engage in the tasks before us.



Fr. Nick in liturgical dress with former pastors, the late Fr. David Farrugia, OP, and Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP.

+ Pushpay

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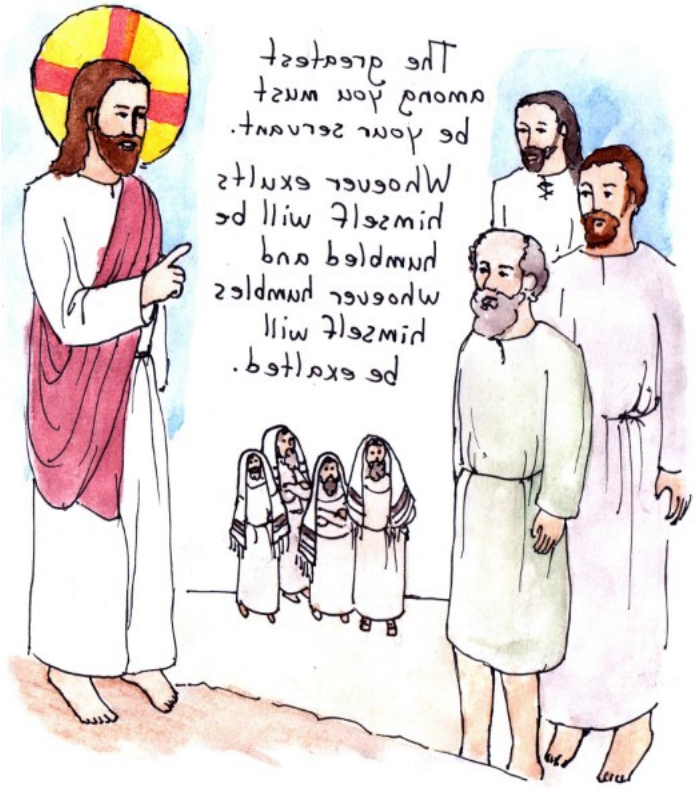
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The Kids' Bulletin



What was the last thing Our Lord said in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

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You May Still Bring Photos of your Loved Ones to our Altar of Remembrance!

Important: It is imperative to include your own name and contact information on the back. The photo should be a copy, and not placed in an expensive frame.



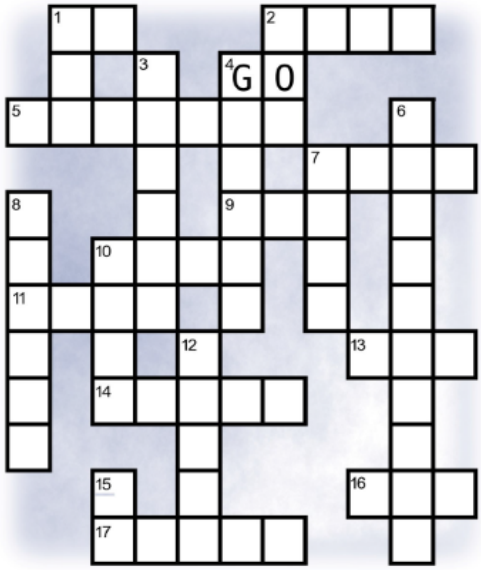
The Month of Saints and Souls

The names of our dearly departed will be read out during Mass on All Saints and All Souls Days. All Souls envelopes remain available in the church. You may place a donation in and write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope. You may still add your envelope to those placed on the altar during the month of November.

St. Paul's Letter Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.
A=Across
D=Down

IN, TO, GOD, THE, TOO, TOIL, DAY, HER, GIVE, WITH, PROCLAIMED, BELOVED, MOTHER, GOSPEL, GENTLE, HUMAN, AMONG, NIGHT, WORK, WORD, WELL



Brothers and sisters: We were _____(4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____(8D) cares for _____(16A) children. _____(10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____(1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____(10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become ____(1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____(11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____(13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____(6D) to you the _____(3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____(9A) _____(2A) thanks to _____(2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____(7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____(14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) ____(15D) you who believe.

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